2011-2012 Program Monitoring Summary

District: Lincoln County

Program: Kentucky Preschool Program
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Date(s) of Visit: March 13 and 14, 2012

Overview of Monitoring Process:

Review of the State-Funded Preschool Program is required by 704 KAR 3:410 Section 9. The purpose of program monitoring is to ensure compliance with regulation and promote continuous improvement of the preschool program. According to the National Institute of Early Education research (NIEER), there is a strong correlation between high quality preschool program and regular on-site review to demonstrate ongoing adherence to state program standards.

The report examines the following **district** compliance areas:

- Preschool Regulations <u>704 KAR 3:410</u>;
- Chapter 1 Exceptional and Handicapped Children; and
- Preschool Facility Requirements (revised 8-25-2008).

Also, the report examines the following **school** compliance areas:

- Program Structure;
- Environment;
- Curriculum and Assessment
- Health, Safety and Nutrition; and
- Families and Communities.

For more information please see the **Preschool Program Review**.

Summary of Visit:

The consolidated monitoring site visit team visited Lincoln County on March 13 and 14, 2012. The preschool monitoring team consisted of one preschool consultant, Laura Wathen, KDE. The preschool component of consolidated site visit included a review of documents at central office, 40-45 minute classroom observations in 6 preschool sites as well as interviews with teachers, assistants and service providers. A follow up e-mail on March 26, 2012 included highlights from the final report.

After examining the documentation and compiling the results of the site visits and interviews, the consolidated report contains the following strengths, recommendations and findings:

Strengths:

- 704 KAR 3:410 Section 2(a), Eligibility (#1)
- 707 KAR 3:100, Special Education (#2)
- 704 KAR 3:40 Section 7, Professional Development (#7)
- 704 KAR 3:410 Section 6, Developmentally Appropriate Practices (#10)

Findings:

• 704 KAR 3:410 Section 6, Individual Needs of Children (#15)

Recommendations:

• 704 KAR 3:410 Section 6, Assessment of Children (#16)

Monitoring Documents: (Clicking the following links will direct you to the program area's monitoring documents)

Lincoln Preschool Final Report